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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....\$800,000
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INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per
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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1896.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are required to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the half-year ended 30th June, 1896, on or before the 15th September, on which date the Accounts will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1339]

NOTICE.

OWING to the inclement state of the weather, Mr. BELILIOS' GARDEN PARTY is POSTPONED until the Day AFTER TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 27th instant.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1317]

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE ROOMS of the BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION are now situated at

No. 4, BLUE BUILDINGS, WANCHAI, and are READY for the use of MEMBERS.

WALTER CANDLER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1338]

TO LET.

NOS. 3 & 4, STEWART TERRACE—
(THE PEAK).
Apply to J. W. NOBLE.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1377]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO for Steamship "CHINA."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1301]

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship

"BAVERN."

Captain B. Flanke, will leave for the above place TO-MORROW, the 26th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1301]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA).

THE Company's Steamship

"HOHENZOLLERN."

Captain A. Harrington, will leave for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 26th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1301]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers, at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW, and PORTS on the YANGTZE).

THE Company's Steamship

"GLACUS."

Captain Barwise, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 26th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1323]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN."

Captain Bahrst, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1340]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"BENVORLICH."

Captain Clark, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 29th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1341]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN."

R. Nelson, Commander, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 31st instant, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1342]

"GLENFRUIN."

Captain Darke, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 10th September.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1343]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUZU CANAL.

THE Steamship

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Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1343]

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "BAYERN."

THE above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given TO-MORROW, before 10 A.M.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 3rd September, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1301]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1301]

NOTICE.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY'S WATERS

made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896. [1427]

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS

OF

AERATED WATERS.

OUR AERATED WATER FACTORY is fitted with the best English Machinery, embodying the latest Improvements in the trade.

The Purest Ingred'nts only are used; and the utmost Care and Cleanliness exercised in the Manufacture throughout.

The Water used is proved by repeated Analyses to be Absolutely Pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Pakages and Empties when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is

"DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."

And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:

PURE AERATED WATER,

SODA WATER,

LEMONADE,

POTASH WATER,

SELTZER WATER,

LITHIA WATER,

SARSAPARILLA WATER,

TONIC WATER,

GINGER ALE,

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

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RIFLE BRIGADE BIRTHDAY
SPORTS.

It was recently arranged that the 96th anniversary of the formation of the dearestly popular Rifle Brigade should be celebrated at the Happy Valley this afternoon by the holding of sports, to which the numerous friends of the officers and men of this 'crack' regiment were invited by advertisement as follows:—

Hongkong, August 15th, 1896.

Colonel Norcott and the Officers' Rifles Brigade At Home to their Friends in the Happy Valley, on Tuesday, 25th August, 4:30 p.m., Regimental Sports.

The Brigade was formed in 1800, since which time it has figured very conspicuously in notable campaigns, including the Peninsular War and the never-to-be-forgotten battle of Waterloo, and in addition to taking part in these grand achievements the Brigade has won many honours in other and more peaceful ways and to-day bears a very high reputation—a reputation, in fact, that may reasonably be envied by other divisions of Her Majesty's Forces.

We cordially wish our gallant friends of the Brigade many happy returns of the day, and we are glad to be able to record that there was a good attendance at Happy Valley, Queen's weather favouring the sports, of which the details are as follows:—

EVENTS.

100 YARDS RACE; prizes—\$10, \$5, \$3.
Acting Corp. Hale 1
Private Green 2
" Bannister 3
Private Richardson and Pridde also ran.
SAC RACE; distance—100 yds., prizes—\$8,
\$4, \$2.

First Heat.—

Private Goveham 1
" Wilson 2
" Hodson 3

Second Heat.—

Acting Corporal Hale 1
Private Allen 2
" Richardson 3

Third Heat.—

Private Brown 1
" Pridde 2
" Bryan 3

Final Heat.—

Private Goveham 1
" Bryan 2
Acting Corporal Hale 3

THREE-LEGGED RACE; distance—100 yds., prizes—\$8, \$4, \$2.

Private Thitkewood and Bannister 1
" Pridde and Losley 2
" Wimill and Goveham 3

ONE MILE GO-15-YOU-PLEASE; open to teams of six N.C.O. or men per Company, prizes—\$20, \$15, \$10.

" E" Company 1
" D" Company 2
" F" Company 3

BLIND MAN'S RACE; distance—75 yards, prizes—\$8, \$4, \$2.

Private Green 1
" Losley 2
" Wimill 3

One of the competitors ran into the ditch, but fortunately he was not hurt.

LOTTERY RACE; distance—200 yards, prizes, \$10, \$8, \$4.

Private Green for Lumber 1
" Bannister for Winkworth 2
" Dicks for Haynes 3

Thirty-eight started.

JOCKEY RACE; distance—100 yards, prizes, \$8, \$4, \$2.

Private Bannister 1
" Corp. Hale 2
Private Goveham 3

DRIBBLING FOOTBALL; distance—100 yards, prizes—\$8, \$4, \$2.

Bryan 1
Walker 2
Weller 3

CHILDREN'S HANDICAP; distance—300 yards, prizes—\$5, \$4, \$3, \$2, \$1.

Percy Morris 1
Ettie Morris 2
Herbert Peachey 3
Lena Morris 4
Nellie Baker 5

With the latter event ended a very pleasant morning and afternoon's sport that will long be remembered by all who had the good fortune to be the guests of gallant R. B.

The Committee who had charge of the arrangements was constituted as follows:—

President and Referee—Lieut.-Col. C. H. B. Norcott.

Members:—Capt. R. G. T. Baker-Carr, Lieut. S. C. Long, Lieut. G. Paley, Lieut. J. H. Thresher, Qr.-Mr. L. Hony, Sergt.-Ms. or Morris, Cpl.-Sergt. Finney, Colour Sergeant Lacey.

MARINE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

The Tokyo Marine Insurance Company was the first of its kind in Japan. This company was soon followed by the Nippon Marine and Land Insurance Company, and later by the Osaka Insurance Company, and the Imperial Marine Insurance Company. After a time, differences arising between the Marine and the Osaka Companies, the former entered into a combination with the Tokyo Marine and the Imperial Marine Company, leaving its rival entirely friendless. The Osaka Company soon after succumbed to the combined实力 of the other companies and quietly withdrew from the field. At the time of the Japan-China War, a much greater number of ships than at ordinary periods were engaged on the seas of Japan, and in consequence the three companies had a great run of business. This prosperously caused the combined companies to behave in a haughty and meddlesome manner toward shipowners, and thereupon the Nippon Marine Transportation Union was organized. A new Insurance Company, called the Nippon Marine Insurance Company, with a capital of 3,000,000 yen, was also started. This Company, upon commencing business, proposed cooperation with the others, but the proposal was rejected. Then the young Company entered into an engagement with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., of Yokohama, and the result was brisk competition and the consequent lowering of premiums. In the report for the first half of 1896, the Tokyo Marine Insurance Company states that the working had resulted in loss; but the Imperial Marine Insurance Company distributed for the same period a dividend of 30 per cent, mainly from the profits made on advancing money to shipowners. The Nippon Marine Insurance Company, however, made a profit on its legitimate business.—*Japan Mail*.

THE RISE IN TELEGRAPHIC RATES.

SHANGHAI, August 20th. We do not imagine that the defence of the Cable Companies will satisfy any one who has found himself compelled, since the first of this month, to pay an increase of 37½ per cent, on his homeward messages. This defence is formally addressed to Hongkong, and what answer has been made to the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce we do not yet know. The gist of it is that the maximum rate allowed by the International Convention for messages between China and Europe is seven shillings a word, while two dollars, the rate recently charged, is now only something over four shillings, though it represented seven shillings when the dollar was worth 35. 6d. The competition of the Chinese Telegraph Administration has hitherto kept the rate down to about \$2; but at last, "by an agreement recently signed and which has been carefully considered by H.M. Government and finally approved," the Chinese Administration has been dragged into line, and a rate of \$2.75 a word, the equivalent of six shillings, has been settled and forced on the customers of the Companies at a day's notice.

One thing we note in this statement is that in it the cable has been put on the right horse; it is not the British Minister, Sir Claude MacDonald, who finally approved of the Convention, which indeed he opposed up to the last, but Her Majesty's Government, whose orders the Minister could not disregard. As regards the short notice given, the Companies explain that "the agreement contains a clause that the provision should come into force on the 1st day of the month following its ratification." The agreement was ratified on 20th July, and notice could not be given before 1st August. Unless the agreement was forced on the Cable Companies, as we know it was on the Chinese Administration, by some higher power, there is no sense in this defence. Why should the clause in question have been inserted in the agreement, and when it was inserted, why could not the ratification of the agreement have been postponed two days, to the 1st of August, so that the public might have had a month's notice?

There are three Companies able to take messages here for Europe—the Eastern Extension Co., the Great Northern Co., and the Chinese Telegraph Administration. The former has submarine cables from this to Madras; the Great Northern has cables from this to Vladivostock, and makes use of the Russian land-lines; the Chinese Administration has only land-lines. On the whole the Eastern Extension is, as we have recently shown, a very flourishing company; but submarine cables are more expensive to work and to keep in repair that it is quite possible the Company did not make an excessive profit out of \$2 a word. But the other Companies make a very good profit out of \$2 a word, and would still make a good profit if the rate were reduced to \$1.50, as the last balance sheet of the Great Northern shows. Now the usual rule where there are competing establishments is that the work should be given to the one that, *ceteris paribus*, can do it most cheaply, and its tariff should reflect this. But, unfortunately, we have to bear the drawbacks of combination, instead of enjoying the advantages of competition. First, an unwholesome compact was made between the Eastern Extension and the Great Northern Companies, and then they have devoted themselves to forcing the Chinese Administration to join their alliance. The Chinese have held out bravely for years, but unfortunately they were not supported by the mercantile community, and at last, they have had to give way to Russian pressure. As we mentioned before, the influence which the Cable Companies can bring to bear has been too much for our Home Government, and they have approved the new Convention. It is a disgrace to foreigners that they should have coerced the Chinese into this retrograde step. The Chinese monopolies are provided against in the treaties made by foreign Powers; and here we have two of the same Powers, Great Britain and Russia, forcing a monopoly on China to the disadvantage of the mercantile community.

Our hope now lies in a Pacific Cable. That one will be laid before long is certain, and the desire of the existing Cable Companies to raise the rates has been stimulated by the wish to collect large reserve funds to help them in fighting the future competitor. In fact, the merchants in China are being squeezed to enable their telegraphic masters to fight the Company which promises to liberate trade from its new fetters. If the shareholders in the Cable Companies had been carrying on business for years at a loss, we might sympathize with them a little more; but they have made, as we showed recently, very handsome profits. As Mr. Alfred wrote to the Cable Companies on the 11th:—"Your directors are apparently ignorant or have ignored the fact that though the volume of trade may be increasing, the margins of profit have narrowed to an extent which often causes telegraphic expenses to check business, and your action therefore means that messages will be restricted in every possible manner, both in number and in length. Thus, whilst your revenue will probably derive little or no advantage, you will have turned satisfaction into dissatisfaction among those to whom you are almost entirely indebted for your success in the East." Thus these considerations will have any weight with the directors of the Cable Companies we do not suppose for a moment. Their tariff was only kept down by the Chinese competition. Count Cassini has succeeded in putting an end to this competition, and the mercantile community's duty, is to thank the Cable Companies for their moderation, in not immediately raising the tariff to the full equivalent of the official maximum, seven shillings a word.—*Japan Mail*.

POSSIBLY OR PROBABLY?

This, says our shrewd Straits contemporary the *Free Press*, perhaps explains the queer despatches that have reached Hongkong of late. Mr. Chamberlain's signature may have been appended to them, but that was probably about all there was of the Secretary of State in those remarkable documents:—

The *Central News*learns that, owing to the pressure of work at the Colonial Office, it has been found necessary considerably to augment the staff, the members of which have been much overworked of late. At Mr. Chamberlain's suggestion, the Treasury have sanctioned the appointment of two additional clerks of the higher division, and these posts will be thrown open to competition in the manner customary for that division of the Civil Service. Furthermore, three extra second division clerks will be allotted to the Colonial Office, and the appointments will be given to selected clerks in other departments of the public service. Mr. Chamberlain has also obtained Treasury authority for the creation of an entirely new post at the Colonial Office, that of "Confidential Sherwood Clerk," and this has already been conferred upon one of the assistant clerks in the Colonial Department.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail S. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, Capt. W. B. Sculley, from San Francisco, via Honolulu, Yokohama and Nagasaki, with mails up to 30th July, arrived in port last evening. From our San Francisco exchanges we take the following telegrams:—

NEW YORK, July 29th. Correspondence to the *Star* from Madrid, dated July 15th, says:—Premier Canovas, in his last speech in the Chamber of Deputies, said:—"Spain must conquer the Cuban insurgents. For this we must make the gravest strife. As long as the Spanish people wish with the war to continue I will not abandon my post. How far our sacrifices shall go is for the national conscience to decide."

What he really means nobody knows, but two days later *El Nacional*, his favorite organ, made the following important declaration, which is considered to have been inspired by the Premier himself:—

"Senor Canovas thinks that the honour and future of our country make it necessary for us to maintain Spanish sovereignty in Cuba at whatever cost. The rebellion must not put down by force of arms. Spain must fight rather than consent to the annihilation of her territory."

It was said yesterday in political circles that Senor Canovas would certainly go to war with the United States as soon as he sees that this step is necessary to avert the downfall of the monarchy, which he realises is seriously threatened by the Cuban rebellion. He means to show that Spain may be beaten, but not humiliated.

It is also said that it will not be long before we hear of some outrage in Cuba against American citizens, and as no apology will be offered by the Spanish Government, this will cause the explosion of the inevitable conflict.

Here are further remarks in the line of hostility to the United States from Senor Castillo, former Minister of the Colonies and of the Interior:—

"As long as the humiliating treaties of 1795 and 1870 are not denounced," he said,

"why does not the Government propose to the United States that they be modified? War cannot be made in Cuba while these treaties exist. It must be remembered that diplomacy is an art to intimidate rather than please. Have we forgotten the energetic act of the Marquis of Havanas in 1851, when he shot fifty-one American citizens? Does the Government do anything like this? Its policy is humiliation before the United States, while money and blood are wasted in Cuba. But nothing will be obtained either in Cuba or the United States. The Government is impotent before America."

"You will not give reforms to Cuba, and you seem to forget that 400,000 men and 4,000,000,000 are required to continue the war. All this strangle against the insurgents amounts to nothing. It would be acceptable if it were against the United States. The fact that the Government is incapable of restoring peace and has not the means of carrying on the war."

The Cortes devotes almost all of its time to the Indian sports, which were all the rage at the Cubans and the Americans.

SALT LAKE (UTAH), July 29th. Thomas Carter, of Tucson, A. T., who was knocked out in a twelve-round contest with Bob Thompson last night by a terrific blow on the chin, never recovered consciousness and died at 9 o'clock this morning. Thompson is under arrest. Both are colored men. There is a talk of taking action against the athletic club.

LONDON, July 30th. Dispatch from Pretoria to the *Daily Telegraph* says:—The public here generally are surprised at the leniency of the sentence to the cases of Dr. Jameson and his associates. President Krueger has been interviewed on the subject, but declined to express an opinion.

The House of Commons to-day, adopted the motion of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Jos. Chamberlain, to appoint a committee to enquire into the administration of the British Chartered South African Company. The motion included an insertion offered by Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the liberal leader, that the committee also enquire into the origin of the circumstances of the raid of Dr. Jameson and his compatriots into the territory of the South African Republic.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 31st. A terrible fire has been raging at Liban, Russia, since Wednesday. Several streets are in flames and the firemen are unable to cope with the situation.

LONDON, July 31st. The rumor that Queen Victoria intends to retire in favor of the Prince of Wales is again current, and it is added that court circles are greatly agitated regarding the state of the Queen's health. Such reports have frequently appeared in late years, only to be semi-officially contradicted, later, to the effect that she is in good health.

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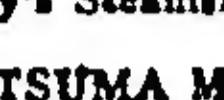
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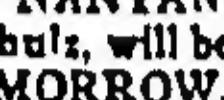


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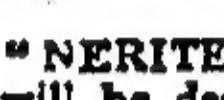


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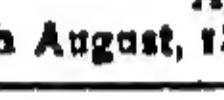
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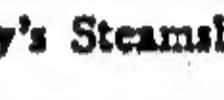
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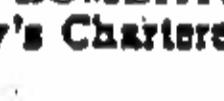
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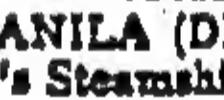
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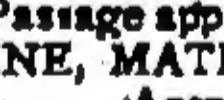
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